

## DARDANELLES IS CLOSED BY TURKEY

Government Fears Attack on Towns Along the Coast.

## BEIRUT IS SHELLED

Many Civilians Killed and Warships Sent to the Bottom.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Constantinople, February 24.—Official notice was sent to all the powers to-night that the Dardanelles had been closed to navigation, owing to the activities of the Italian warships on the coast of Syria. This was taken to indicate that the government feared an attack on the coast towns of European Turkey.

All Italians were expelled from Turkey this afternoon, and their property probably will be confiscated by the government. According to a dispatch from Beirut to-night, the Ottoman Bank there was badly damaged by today's bombardment.

No Time Given. Beirut, Syria, February 24.—A Turkish cruiser and a torpedo boat at anchor in the port here were destroyed today by Italian warships.

Appearing suddenly off the port, the commanders of the Italian gunboat

Voltorno and the armored cruiser Giuseppe Garibaldi sent to the authorities a peremptory demand for the surrender of the Turkish gunboats in the harbor. Before the demand was answered could deliver his reply to the Italian commanders or ask for time to negotiate, the cruisers opened a devastating fire.

In a short time the Turkish gunboats in the harbor were disabled and in a sinking condition. The cruiser house was greatly damaged and other buildings also suffered severely.

A great number of people who came within the zone of fire while passing along the streets were slaughtered. A panic set in and the people fled in droves towards the Lebanon hills.

Constantinople, February 24.—According to the latest dispatches from Beirut to-night, the corvette Avallia and a torpedo boat repulsed the Italian fire during the bombardment. The Avallia was struck and soon was in flames. The torpedo boat was sunk. No fewer than thirty persons were killed, two of the dead, it is believed, being Russian subjects. About fifty persons were wounded. Several shells were dropped into the town, and the offices of the Ottoman Bank were damaged.

During the panic which followed the bombardment a mob seized the government armory and secured weapons. The Italian warships at the conclusion of the bombardment steamed away for an unknown destination.

News of the bombardment caused a panic on the Bourse, resulting in a fall of consols. It is believed that the Italians will continue their attacks on other coast towns.

Protest Is Expected. (Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, February 24.—A vigorous protest by the powers against today's bombardment at Beirut, Asiatic Turkey, by the Italian warships, was predicted here to-night following the receipt of messages stating that the firing was begun without the usual twenty-four hours' notice.

Half an hour after the Italian warships arrived, a rain of shells was directed towards the city. Several Turkish gunboats, lying in the harbor, were sunk. Sixty citizens were killed, but no loss of life was reported among the foreign inhabitants. It was a noticeable fact that most of the Italian shells fell in the native quarter.

The warships arrived unexpectedly off the port and immediately sent a peremptory demand for the surrender of the Turkish gunboats. While the negotiations for the surrender of the gunboats were pending, the cannonading began.

Instantly there was a wild panic in the city. Thousands fled to the hills remaining there until the firing ceased. It was reported to-night that the American Protestant College had not been damaged. Two-thirds of the city's population is foreign, and the lives of hundreds of Americans were endangered.

The Italian commander declared to-night that his gunners aimed only at the Turkish gunboats. Unfortunately, he said, many of the shells went high and fell in the city.

Dispatches from Constantinople stated that the Porte was preparing a protest to the powers against Italy's action in bombarding the city without the twenty-four hours' notice required by international law.

Flotilla Departs. Beirut, Syria, February 24.—After bombarding this city, killing many civilians and wounding 100 others, the Italian flotilla departed late to-night. Other cities along the Mediterranean coast probably will be bombarded by the fleet during the next forty-eight hours.

Following today's bombardment, rumor was circulated that Italian marines were landed. The residents were thrown into a state of excitement and attempted to storm the arsenal to arm themselves against invasion. Turkish soldiers fired on the crowd and a pitched battle ensued, in which thirty persons were killed, including two Russians.

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discontinue any private dock or wharf and with a public use or easement in certain cases, approved March 15, 1910.

To require electric railways or railroad companies to extend their tracks, facilities and service to the convenience of the community public located and of the general public, and to require the State Corporation Commission to compel such extension.

Afternoon Session. The following Senate bills were advanced from their first to their second reading:

For the relief of the Ferries Company. To regulate the practice of chiropractic and to create a State board of examination and registration.

To require every person carrying on his person, concealed from common observation, a deadly weapon to obtain a State license for so doing.

To amend and re-enact section 4032 of the Code in relation to writs of error; where he, when for accused, when for State.

To prevent contention in the sale of ice cream and establishing standards for the same. Defining condensed milk and providing for its sale.

To amend and re-enact section 3667 of the Code of Virginia.

To amend and re-enact section 1482 reservation of title to and liens on goods and chattels sold to be void as to creditors and purchasers unless in writing and recorded; how enforced.

To repeal the act of March 17, 1910, creating a United Agricultural Board. Amending the present law in relation to grabbing.

To provide how persons who have been placed on the "retired teachers list" may retire or be removed therefrom under certain circumstances and may cease to receive the pension provided for in the act.

Authorizing the sale or use of the Academy lot and building in the town of Smithfield.

Warrenton Dispensary. To submit to the voters of the town of Warrenton the question of establishing in that town a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

To prescribe the effect as evidence to be given to deeds recorded prior to the year 1865.

To prohibit the manufacture or offering for sale of certain kinds of dangerous matches.

To amend the act prohibiting the granting of charters to banks having less than \$10,000 capital.

Prescribing a penalty for failure of directors of banks to file oath with the State Corporation Commission, in relation to certain statements.

Providing for the regulation of State banks and fixing penalties for the violation thereof.

Requiring definite appropriations to be made for the support of certain departments and commissions of the State government.

To authorize the payment out of the treasury of a fee to E. P. Buford for services rendered by him to the Commonwealth. In the Supreme Court of Appeals, in the case of the Commonwealth et al. vs. Camp Manufacturing Company.

To amend and re-enact section 1572 of the Code.

Amending the law providing for working the roads and repairing the bridges in Augusta county.

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To amend and re-enact section 70 of the Code.

The Baggage Bill. Concerning the soliciting for transfer of passengers and baggage, and relating such soliciting on railroad premises at stations.

To provide for the sale of estates of freehold in land.

Providing for the enactment of concurrent legislation regarding the fish and shellfish industry in the Potomac River in consequence of the compact entered into between Maryland and Virginia.

To amend the act of January 13, 1904, concerning public service corporations.

Amending the charter of the city of Norfolk.

Amending the charter of the town of

Kenbridge, in the county of Lunenburg.

To authorize the trustees of Clinton Grange, No. 220, an order of farmers in the county of Cumberland, to make sale of the property held by them and divide the proceeds among the members of said order.

Waiver of Wages. To amend section 3682, of the Code, in relation to exemption of wages of laboring men and waiver thereof.

To amend and re-enact section 2158, of the Code.

To establish a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Ridgeway, in the county of Henry.

To repeal the act establishing a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors at Meherrin, in Prince Edward county.

To amend the charter of the town of La Crosse, Mecklenburg county.

To amend the charter of the city of Bristol.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Mecklenburg county to designate depositories for the proceeds arising from the sale of permanent road improvement bonds, and to make contracts for the payment of interest thereon by depositories.

To amend the charter of Glade Spring, Washington county.

To amend the charter of the town of Liberty, extending its limits and changing its name to Bedford City.

To prohibit the capture of fish for the purpose of manufacture into oil before June 1 in any year.

To cure certain irregularities now existing in respect to certain entries, surveys and grants.

To regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Virginia, and raising examination requirements.

To permit the directors of the Western State Hospital to sell and dispose of a right-of-way over a tract of land belonging to said hospital.

Commission Government. To provide for the submission to the people of the amendment to the Constitution conferring upon the cities of the Commonwealth the right to adopt the commission form of government.

To protect pheasants in the county of Middlesex.

To repeal section 2307 of the Code requiring list of writings recorded to be posted by the clerk.

To amend the act of March 14, 1906, empowering boards of supervisors to enact special local legislation to protect the public roads.

To amend and re-enact section 1412 of the Code.

To amend and re-enact section 3179 of the Code.

To prescribe the kind of tires to be used on vehicles and wagons used and sold in the State.

Amending the present law in relation to automobile licensed for demonstrating purposes.

To provide for a compromise and settlement of certain contentions and differences between the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions, upon the one part and the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, on the other part.

Senate Bill Engrossed. Upon motion the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bills on the second reading remaining on the calendar, and the following bill was ordered engrossed:

To authorize the boards of supervisors of the several counties and towns of the Commonwealth, to exempt from local taxation obligations issued by such counties cities and towns.

House bills on their second reading were the next business in order and the following bills were advanced from their second to their third readings:

To amend the charter of Basic City.

To amend chapter 611, of the Acts

of the General Assembly, session 1897-8, relating to the lot in the city of Richmond, belonging to Henrico county, on which the courthouse of said county is situated.

To amend the act authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Henrico county to require orange orange hedges bordering on public roads of said county to be trimmed by owners of such hedges.

To amend the charter of the town of South Boston.

To amend the charter of the town of Bridgewater.

Reducing charter fees for foreign corporations.

Repealing the charter of Saxis, Accomac county.

To change the time of holding the town election of the town of Branchville, Southampton county.

Amending the charter of the town of Shenandoah, and changing its name to Grottoes.

To provide for the indexing of deeds and other records in ledgerized index books.

To prescribe in what cases a justice of the peace shall not have jurisdiction in a suit or warrant.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Nottoway to borrow the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to continue the improvement of public roads in said county.

To appropriate the sum of \$3,500 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of the deficiency in the installation of the timber and mineral exhibit

of Virginia.

Bills Passed. The following bills were upon motion taken out of their regular order and passed:

House bill to establish the Pulaski county Confederate Home.

House bill fixing the strength of bridges in the county of Franklin.

House bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge county and the town of Lexington, or either of them, to contribute such sum as in the judgment of the board may seem proper for the benefit of the Jackson Memorial Hospital in the town of Lexington.

House bill to amend and re-enact chapter 14 of the Acts of 1910, in relation to sanitary arrangements in factories, workshops, etc.

Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the Superintendent of Public Printing to furnish certain persons with copies of House and Senate bills, and to collect fees therefor. Patron, Senator Harman.

Senate bill in relation to the Hustings Court, Part 2, of the city of Richmond. Patrons, Senators Harman and Folkes.

State Health Commissioner Eunice G. Williams appeared before the House Committee on General Laws yesterday afternoon in behalf of the bill looking to compulsory vaccination. Dr. H. B. Baker, who said

there are 17,000 anti-vaccinationists in Virginia, opposed it. They will be heard further on Tuesday.

It was stated that there is growing feeling against this preventive method against smallpox. Dr. Williams didn't think so.

No action was taken in the Committee on General Laws in regard to the Mount Vernon investigation. J. A. L. Sulphur, of Floyd, appeared again in behalf of his resolution, while Bill Carter was on hand for the regents. There was a motion to pass the resolution by indefinitely, but this action was deferred for the nonce.

Following a short hearing yesterday morning the House Committee on Finance decided to amend the Senate bill extending the time for refunding the old unfunded debt of Virginia by permitting claimants under bond issues, guaranteed by the State, to come in and prove their claims and exchange for century issues.

The final action on the rolling stock bill was not taken yesterday, as the time-keeping bill occupied all of the morning session.

The bill for redistricting the State in legislative districts is expected to be reported Monday afternoon from the House Committee on Privileges and Elections. It is hoped that this one will please as many people as necessary to pass it, although it cannot please all. It may become necessary for dual Radford, of Bedford, and Joseph Stables, Jr., of Halifax, whose hard work alone caused the outcome of the census which decided to let all the districts alone, to take off their coats again for certain issues.

Half a dozen members of the House went down to the head of the York River yesterday afternoon to spend the week-end with W. A. Willers, of King William. They will return to-morrow morning.

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